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The next Race Meeting will be held on Saturday, 28th December, 1935 (The Carrington Stakes), and Wednesday, 1st January, 1936 (Tattersall's Club Cup).

The Club Man's Diary

We wouldn't wonder if the Minister for Labour and Industry (Mr. J. M. Dunningham) began to regard fate as mostly a matter of fete—so greatly was he entertained ere going to the King's Jubilee celebrations, as a representative of the Empire Parliamentary Association, and so many have been the welcomes staged since his return. They haven't been hard to take, for each and all represented the goodwill of friends, personal friends.

Among the list was a luncheon tendered in the private dining room of the club on November 29, when there was a fine rally of well-wishers.

A great deal has been said in the daily newspapers about "politicians going abroad," but generally it has been realised that the investigations made by Mr. Dunningham, following the main mission of his visit, will inform the Government on questions that N.S.W. has to tackle, or is tackling already, in concert with Governments elsewhere. A keen and thorough observer, J.M.D. brought back first-hand knowledge unavailable to any but one on the spot.

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Love is as young to-day as it was one thousand years ago, and it has outlived even civilisations. The greatest men—and, of course, the greatest women—have been claimed as its subjects, adown the ages. It has made, and unmade, dynasties and destinies. It has defied Science. Rays have been discovered to divert the course of a battleship; none to turn aside the dart of Cupid.

And so congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Saunders, jr., on having taken the natural course of true love—marriage. They were wed last month in St. Mary's Basilica. We have sentimental leanings to them both, for the bride (Miss Maureen) is a daughter of club member, Mr. A. P. Meagher; the bridegroom a son of committeeman Mr. John H. Saunders. The

wedding reception was held in the club.

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Mr. W. Gourley will celebrate a birthday on December 12—doesn't matter which year happens to be ticked off. He doesn't look it, anyway. Sufficient to wish, in the congratulations, that he go on keeping young and retain the same relish for life.

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Sydney's senior turf pressman, Mr. Frank Wilkinson, who died recently at the ripe old age of 86, was perhaps possessed of a wider knowledge of Australian racing—men



The late Mr. Frank Wilkinson.

and horses, than any man of his day. He came to Australia away back in 1857, and in 1858 began his first association with racing with the Illawarra Turf Club. As handicapper and stipendiary steward he had practical knowledge of the Turf, at one period being the handicapper for the Australian Jockey Club. But as "Martindale" he was best known all over the Commonwealth. He was a prolific writer of topics of the turf, and almost to the time of his death was compiling material for a book covering the careers of notables of the racing game in Australia.

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News comes from Melbourne that

the one and only Mr. Alf Levy is torn between two desires. He hears the West calling for Christmas and New Year racing amongst all his old pals, but yet he would like to come to Sydney. The story also has it that he participated in the good things at Flemington, the cure for many ills, that golden ointment.

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The glad hand was passed to the genial Mr. W. Fookes when he returned to the club a week or two ago. The man from the Wanganella could be regarded as one of the regulars when his ship lies in port, but for quite a long time he has been in dock himself with an injury to his knee. This was caused by a bad fall on his ship. Mr. Fookes will be back to duty on the next trip. Meantime the club will be a good haven.

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Diminutive trainer Mr. Jim Abbs is a stalwart of the billiard room, and what is not generally known, one of the most travelled and experienced of our racing men. Jim started his horse career in England and then moved on to France. Not content with this, he tried South Africa and finally Australia. In each country he was associated with a very prominent trainer, in Sydney being foreman for the late Mr. I. Earnshaw. It is little wonder he knows the racing game from A to Z.

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A popular member who will be missed from the club is Mr. "Horty" Lorigan. The New Zealander is as well known in Sydney as in the Dominion, and he knows his way round this part of the world as well as the next. Mr. Lorigan purposes staying in the Dominion for some months and will have a small team of Australian horses to race round the New Zealand meetings. He is fortunate in having a training establishment of his own at Trentham, where the yearling sales are held each January. Naturally he will not over-

look the sales when they come along.

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Mr. H. C. Brown to succeed to the Commonwealth Auditor-Generalship, was a long-range tip among men who have knowledge of Public Service form, and, as it proved, a good tip, too. His work as secretary to the Department of the Interior revealed rare administrative capacity, and his reports were distinguished by thoroughness and clarity.

Beyond that, Mr. Brown was a man of affairs. He wasn't buried within the narrow departmental confines, but made many friendly contacts among the public of the great outside world. Officially, he is now even more of a public figure.

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Mr. Hubert Hourigan lived only four months after his father, Mr. P. J. Hourigan. Both deaths snapped links in legal history. The father was admitted as a solicitor in 1867, and the son in 1901. They were keen sportsmen and familiar figures at Randwick.

Make a note of the New Year's Eve festival in the club. Not that you are not aware of it, but as a reminder to make early reservations.

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Tattersall's Club meeting will be held at Randwick on December 28 and January 1, when the principal races will be, respectively, Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Cup. The race for the first Tattersall's Cup was run in 1868.

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What of the New Year.

Unless the world be caught again in the maw of Mars, the 1936 forecast for Australia may be read as the best in five years.

We see the reflection of the brighter times in brighter people. Everywhere they seem to be "holding better." Greater circulation of money—due principally to recovery in wool prices and expenditure of internal loans—has had a cumulative effect on our common fortunes. The going isn't as hard.

A good index has been the revival of the building trade. Look at your suburbs and see the number of cottages and flats being rushed up, and at the business extensions in the city. Capital is a shy bird. It settles only where the roost is safe; where the corn is assured.

However, historically, depressions have been followed by periods of rapid revival, and history seems to be repeating itself in this year of grace.

Whence comes the money to justify investments? The answer is a satisfying one: from the replenished common pool of the people. That has in turn been brought about by sundry causes assembled under the familiar head—rehabilitation. Once it was a promissory note; now it has been presented with a certitude of being met.

So, except for grave circumstances unforeseen, and a sudden adverse stroke of fate, world-embracing, it would appear that the new year will be more like old times.

That it will be is our sincere wish to all old friends.

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Annual Race Meeting

RANDWICK RACECOURSE

FIRST DAY

SATURDAY, 28th DECEMBER, 1935

Principal Event

THE CARRINGTON STAKES

6 Furlongs, of £1,000

SECOND DAY

WEDNESDAY, 1st JANUARY, 1936

Principal Event

TATTERSALL'S CLUB CUP

One Mile and a Half, of £1,000

Nominations for Minor Events to close at 4 p.m. December 16th. First Acceptances for Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Club Cup are due at 4 p.m., on Thursday, 12th December.

RANDWICK AGAIN

Midsummer Gatherings

Midsummer racing at Randwick is unique. It presents four major events, two of which are splendid consolation races for the first pair.

The Villiers Stakes and Summer Cup come first, but unlucky horses in those can come along for Tattersall's events, the Carrington Stakes and Cup.

It is without doubt an admirable arrangement for the Christmas and New Year vacations.

These meetings also have all the holiday attractions, with none of the bustle and tension of the spring and autumn gatherings. Judging

inion horses in the shorter race of the A.J.C. fixture, the Villiers Stakes. Both Silver Jubilee and Gay Blonde will be particularly welcome as opponents for the best of the locals. Silver Jubilee is obviously coming right back to his best form, and there is reason to believe that Gay Blonde will be a better mare now than she was either at Randwick or at the Melbourne meetings in the Spring.

Cherry King is fast losing his Dominion status, but he, too, comes into line as a probable participant in the stake money.

Of other Villiers Stakes candidates, Jaccuse is one of the most interesting. From the manner of his six furlong victories, there is no reason why he should not run out a mile, and if he fails, well there is still the Carrington Stakes on the first day of Tattersall's meeting of his favourite six furlong distance.

The Summer Cup field is not without its possibilities. High Cross, Satmoth, Mainlaw, and Curator were notables of the Spring. High Cross as a gelding who had more than his share of ups-and-downs, might be one well in line for the consolation prizes. Mainlaw also is as undoubtedly in the reckoning as he is in form.

Satmoth is an evergreen. He will be on hand again, no doubt, and if he can carry off Tattersall's Cup for Mr. James Barnes and his partner, Dr. J. S. Le Fevre, there will be no more popular victory in the summer round.



Cereza.

by the nominations, there will be quite a sprinkling also of leading gallopers of the year with a welcome New Zealand and Queensland representation.

In passing, it is surprising that more New Zealanders do not reserve their efforts for the good days at Randwick at Christmas and New Year instead of running up against the strongest possible opposition in the Spring. The prizes are good, well worth winning, and there is a medium of speculation to satisfy the most dashing bettor.

Reverting to the actual entrants, Silver Jubilee, Sporting Blood and Gay Blonde are three notable Dom-



Sailor Prince.

Bachian might line up for his second Villiers Stakes. His first run at Warwick Farm after his spell showed beyond doubt that he is still a really smart horse.



Satmoth.

Looking further through the list, Vice Royal was a failure in the Spring, but in rather weaker class he might be amongst the useful ones at this period.

King Gee is one on the upgrade, and might reach the standard of the two Cup events. Theo has a chance to revive the hopes of Mr. Ned Moss, and Topical might do better service for Mr. Bob Miller than he was able to do this Spring.

Mr. Kerry is a regular for these races, and another who did not race with a great deal of luck in the Spring. Three minor places were his lot, and he is deserving of better fortune.

Then there is Broad Arrow, a Sydney Cup winner, who obviously will have little trouble in running out either of the Cup journeys. So far he has trained on quite satisfactorily at Randwick.

A new note in the Carrington Stakes and Tattersall's Cup is struck from Queenslander Lough Neagh, who has been entered for the Spring event and Soft Step for the Cup. Lough Neagh, as the Tramway Handicap winner, attained some sporting fame, even with advancing age, but it is with surprise that his name is found for a smart six furlong event, after being one of the Summer Cup entrants.

That smart filly Cereza, is still another Carrington entrant. She should be a potential one, too. She is just the type for this race, and is sure to set the opposition a stiff test for speed.

Golden Chance and Myra Tip are two other Carrington Stakes en-

trants who will find warmer admirers at six furlongs than they would for the Villiers mile.



Vice Royal.

Heroic Faith last year was a promising two-year-old and since having been taken over by Frank

Dalton at Randwick he has improved in appearance by leaps and bounds. He is hardly recognisable as the same horse. Whether he will measure up to Carrington standard is one of those things that is undiscovered.

Soft Step's inclusion in Tattersall's Cup field is also worthy of note, although he may be seen in action a few days before in the Summer Cup. He is one of the proved horses of the North, and for that reason will be welcomed at Randwick at both meetings.

The 14.2 pony Air Pageant, is another interesting candidate. At the suburban meetings she has disproved the theory that a little one will always be beaten by the big ones. It is in her favour that what she lacks in inches she makes up in vim and vigour.

Taken all through, prospects are as bright as could be wished for the festive season of racing.

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GOLF

Australian Golfers to Invade U. S. A.

If everything works to schedule, the Australian team of professional golfers will leave for America on December 14. There will be four representatives from N.S.W., providing each can pass the necessary



Sam Richardson.

medical test, which has been stipulated. Strangely enough, two of the number, Sam Richardson and Billy Bolger, have been stricken down with appendicitis since the scheme was mooted. Both are now convalescing, but it is not anticipated any objections will be raised to their boarding ship at the appointed time. Lou Kelly and Joe Cohen will complete the quartette with Fred Bolger standing by as emergency man should he be needed.

Over in Victoria, a separate fund has been created in an endeavour to send E. and G. Naismith across at the same time, but the N.S.W. contingent is in no way affected. The money in this State has been raised by private subscription and "gates" from exhibition matches.

That the team contains quality cannot be denied, and many successes should come its way during the forthcoming tour. Without going into lengthy discourse relative

to the abilities of each individual, it is well to remember that whilst recent visiting champions have shown us our best players have still much to learn, the Australian is a very apt pupil and quick on the uptake when general improvement can be effected. Lou Kelly first blossomed as a champion in embryo at the early age of 14 years, when he acted as assistant to Jack Irving on Kensington Links (Sydney). Lou first hoisted his name to fame in 1928, when at 18 years of age he won the assistant pro. championship of N.S.W. This was played at Concord and Kelly was one up on Jim Petterson. The following year (1933) the same player journeyed to Melbourne to



Joe Cohen.

play in his first Open Championship at Royal Melbourne, and his chances of success were rated as nil. Melbourne Royal is parred at 73, and with a similar tally, Kelly led at the first round, and much ink

was spilled in the evening papers about "this player from the clouds." The following round of 76 left him three strokes ahead of his nearest rival, but old heads were wagging and said he could not possibly keep up the pressure. The reply was an-



Lou Kelly.

other 73 and a six points lead. In the final round A. W. Jackson was the opponent, and through some bad mistakes Kelly actually lost his advantage, but the young chap staged a comeback and a round of 80 found him three strokes ahead of amateurs Ferrier and Jackson, and also professional Reg. Jupp.

In 1934, Kelly won the State professional title, and his most recent outstanding performance was in the Dunlop Cup, played at Australian Golf Club's links, Kensington, when 286 for four rounds not only brought victory his way, but also established a record.

Sammy Richardson learned his golf as a caddy at Rose Bay, but was snapped up by cricketer Bert Oldfield seven years back, to join the staff of the latter as golf professional. He was an early pick of Dan Soutar's and has since verified all the good things expected. He has won the Australian professional championship twice, the N.S.W.



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professional championship and the N.S.W. Close Championship. He has also won the Professional Golf Association's blue riband, and is rated as the stylist of the day in this country.

Billy Bolger is famous for his effort in 1934, when he went round Royal Sydney in 283 for 72 holes, which is the world's record. He fully proved his worth on that occasion because he was being chased home by world champion Gene Sarazen.

Bolger was born 25 years back and quite close to Concord Golf Links, and quite early got the golf bug well and truly into his system. He first became a caddy, and tells of the number of times he "wagged" it from school to carry out his self-imposed tasks. Played his first

match at Concord at the age of 17 and not only won well, but reduced



W. Bolger.

the course record at the same time from 72 to 70.

Bolger maintains with emphasis that the visit of the American team to Australia last year was of tremendous benefit to this country, and lifted the standard of our play generally. "They showed us how to get out of trouble," he says, "and they pointed out our lack of bunker practice." The Americans considered Australian fairway stroking was equal to that of any other country, but our players lacked knowledge when in difficulties.

The stage is now set for the Australian advance on U.S.A. Just how our players will fare is mere conjecture, but, the individual members of the team are loaded with confidence and at the very worst, we can be certain they will make their presence felt on innumerable occasions. Australian sportsmen have a habit that way.

HANDBALL

Tebbutt Wins Club Championship

Without losing a game throughout the championship series, W. T. Tebbutt duly justified his favouritism for Tattersall's Club's first Handball championship.

Tebbutt was down to play Sammy Block for the final, and though the latter put up no end of a good fight, he had to strike his colours to his formidable rival in straight games.

The result was, Tebbutt beat

Block, 31-24, 31-26, 31-29, the contest being the best of five games.

Tattersall's champion's record during the series was: Beat Z. Lazarus 31-24, 31-26; beat P. Hernon, 31-27, 31-26.

The "B" Grade championship is proving rather a drawn-out affair and will not be finalised until some time this month.

The third round results were: J. Pooley beat T. A. J. Playfair, 31-27,

31-25; C. Bastian beat J. Buckle, 24-31, 31-28, 31-19; N. F. Penfold beat G. Goldie, 31-24, 31-26; L. K. Douglas beat C. Godhard, 31-24, 31-22.

Only one of the semi-finals has so far been played, and in that event N. F. Penfold beat L. K. Douglas, so that Penfold will play the winner of the postponed semi-final between Bastian and Pooley for the "B" Grade title.

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Billiards and Snooker

City Tattersall's Club Wins Inter-Club Games

Members who visited the club on Thursday night, November 21, might well have inquired Why all the fuss? The animated scene was brought about through two clubs—Masonic and City Tattersall's—having tied in the inter-club competitions held during preceding months. The final was played on neutral territory, and our own club was offered as the venue.

Contestants and supporters rallied to the cause, and there can be no doubt about the enthusiasm displayed.

Without going into detail, it is worthy of note that E. O'Donoghue, of City Tattersall's, ran to his points in the billiard section, in three sticks with breaks of 16, 110 and 74 unfinished. City Tattersall's were victorious by three points to one, but the final result depended on the last game of Bridge. The line-up was as follows (Masonic representatives placed first in each case):—Billiard: A. Bull v. E. O'Donoghue, A. Truner v. G. Farmer, A. Kellett v. J. McPhee. Snooker: A. Adey v. N. Squires, F. Jackson v. J. Bayliss, J. Seddon v. J. Morton. Bridge: Dr. Sutton and H. Ross v. W. Johnson and L. Reading, F. Rénfrey and S. Wright v. P. Bernard and L. Howell, N. Levy and L. Cohen v. L. Levy and H. Wardley. Dominoes: J. Duff and A. Schaeffer v. A. Lacey and G. Angnan, J. Cross and R. Gordon v. R. Abbott and D. Johnson, C. Webber and H. Davis v. T. Maloney and T. Henderson.

That Horace Lindrum, dual billiard and snooker champion of Australia, has made a good impression in England may be gathered from the following letter received privately from Clifford Webb, of England, who has for long been noted as one of the world's leading authorities on billiards and snooker:—

"Met the other Lindrum—Hurricane Horace, a new wizard of the coloured balls, who opened a week's billiards match with Tom Newman

yesterday, at Thurston's, but provided much more entertainment in a couple of snooker frames at the end of the first session.

"This is Horace's first trip to England, and he thinks he's going to like it. Judging from the manner in which he sank everything yesterday, I imagine he will, and all.

"Rather appropriate that he has arrived during the stay of the All Blacks, because if you stretched a point—and I do, very often—you could term Horace an All Black. He has little time for any of the other colours.

"We have seen most of them—Joe Davis, Willie Smith, and Con. Stanbury, for example—but for smooth, almost suave, and ridiculously nonchalant potting, give me Horace every time.

"The boy is almost too good to be true—but what a start he has had with a name like Lindrum.

"A cheery little fellow, at that. He made the whole of Thurston's unbend yesterday, and when anybody can do that he is worth a few paragraphs.

"Gone was the cathedral-like stillness of billiards' spiritual home. Wise-cracking and laughs made the afternoon more akin to a musical comedy matinee, save that the only music was provided by the Leicester Square taxis beyond the heavily curtained windows.

"Horace wasted no time. After having created a very good impression with a 205 break at billiards—from all-round play, in distinct contrast to the clickety-clock 'nursery' methods of his more famous Uncle Walter—the boy stepped in with a first snooker break in England of 74.

"I said a break. A good word, break. This was enough to break anybody's heart—especially the hearts of people like you and me.

"A beautiful potter. Make no mistake about that. And as canny

a manufacturer of snookers as any I have seen. I can forecast a successful stay here for Horace. He is good entertainment, all through.

"And, while I remember it, here is a little teaser for you fellows who dabble with snooker. A new rule. It tripped up Tommy Newman, puzzled Horace Lindrum and had everybody in the hall beaten, except Charles Chambers, the marker, who has never been known to be caught out by any rule, new or old.

"I shall take it for granted that you all know about the free ball in snooker. The new rule is this:

"The player playing the free ball, having nominated that ball, cannot snooker his opponent directly behind the ball he has nominated.

"In other words, if the green ball is to be taken in the order of play and the free ball merchant nominates the brown, which is just in front of the green, he cannot now roll the white ball gently up to the brown and present his opponent with a further snooker.

"If he does that, then his opponent is also entitled to a free ball which shall count, if potted, the value of the green.

"There is, however, no penalty for snookering a player behind a nomination free ball, and that is all there is to it.

"I hope that is clear. It seemed to flummox everybody in the hall, except, as I have mentioned, Charles Chambers. As Tom Newman said to me afterwards, "It certainly trapped me, all right."

"However, to get back to Horace. Naturally, he plays with one of the great Walter's cues—one that Walter gave him eight years ago, in Australia, and which has been in constant use ever since.

"That, in itself, should provide a notable source of inspiration. Young Horace has been playing billiards for only eight years; snooker for 14—that is, serious snooker. I

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How the Big World Wags

Mr. Archer Whitford's Chronicle of a Seven Months'
Tour of Many Lands

Not by any means his first tour of the world, but easily the most interesting was that just completed by Mr. Archer Whitford, a personality of the business, theatre and radio realms. He returned to Sydney towards the end of November after seven months abroad, during which he toured the U.S.A., the British Isles and Europe.

In every nation Mr. Whitford gained impressions which point to changing conditions and more vigorous economic settlement, amazing advances of science in both the old and the new worlds being a highlight. Television, for example, he saw perfectly presented at the Telefunken works in Berlin.

In London there is the famous Broadcasting House, controlled by the British Broadcasting Commission. This centre of the Empire's radio world is erected with such technical attention and ultra-modern care in design that it is wholly self-contained. A city, enclosed in bricks and mortar, Broadcasting House and its people enjoy every perfection of life; food is stocked in giant refrigerators and the inmates would be able to live on the premises for weeks at a time, if necessary.

The National Broadcasting Corporation's building in New York is nevertheless a house of wonderment. In both, radio is lifted to the highest level in public service. The complete manner in which America has commercialised its vast networks is a lesson in the moulding of the new science to the advantage of general business advancement.

There, fabulous salaries are paid to the great artists of the stage, screen and Grand Opera, to exploit their art over the ether in the interests of practically every line of goods making a play for the national market. There is nothing blatant about the programmes. Arranged by psychologists, understanding the general public thoroughly, the

merging of the advertising "plug" and the entertainment interest is, says Mr. Whitford, an education.

Because of his local radio interests—he controls Station 6AM, Northam (W.A.)—he took particular interest in this field, and perhaps the most remarkable instances



Mr. Archer Whitford.

of advancement were supplied by a new station erected by the Soviet Government. It carried 300 kilowatts! Such power is unprecedented, and it is indicative of the importance placed by Russia on the ether waves as a medium of propaganda.

Aeroplane travel is the means of annihilating space in every country, but for comfort, speed and dependable service, Mr. Whitford points to the American fleets, particularly the new clipper ships—passenger carriers of huge size. The Junker machines in Germany, carrying a waiter and a waitress, as part of the passenger service, are also worth mentioning.

Mr. Whitford speaks interestingly of the Labour Camps of Germany which, like the Reafforestation Camps of America, are serving to wipe out unemployment among the country's youth. They provide pro-

ductive outlet for the physical energies of the young men, and, in a definite manner, serve to prevent the destroying of morale by idleness among those who would otherwise attain manhood with a hopeless future ahead.

In the vast motion picture studios of Hollywood, he mixed with executives and stars. In England and in Germany, too, he had entree to circles restricted to few tourists. The American film-making system, the understanding between directors and players, and the care with which even the most inconsequential actor is coached, revealed why such perfection in detail is obtained.

In England he found a new confidence, inspired particularly by the fact that with the making of outstanding films by major organisations, the financial world had put its strength behind the development of the industry. This money allowed for advancement which assured tremendous new markets for British pictures, which now had attained a quality compelling their recognition in even large theatres of New York and other American cities.

But in neither country was the technical thoroughness of Germany overshadowed. And Germany is now making films for the world market. At the Ufa studios in Neubabelsburg, outside of Berlin, Mr. Whitford watched the English star, Lillian Harvey, work on a picture in which she speaks three languages. Three separate leading men appear with her. First, she enacts the German version. The German leading man is then replaced by a Frenchman, and that version recorded, and then the scene is done through in English. That process is followed with every scene taken.

Queried regarding the national attractions of the many lands he visited, Mr. Whitford spoke without hesitation in stating no nation

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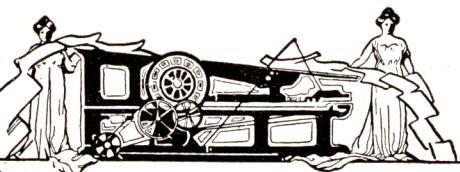
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HOW THE BIG WORLD WAGS. (Continued from Page 11.)

had anything to offer which topped the scenic charm or impressiveness of Australia's natural beauty spots.

In New York, he said, a charge is made of one dollar for a lift-trip to the top of the towering Empire State Building, the world's tallest. From there he took in the vista which eddies and swirls for miles around. In Paris a trip was taken to the top of the Eiffel Tower to look down on Paris. Those world-famed lookouts intrigued

him, by way of a comparison with his exhibition in the South-east Pylon of the Sydney Harbour Bridge. "Neither," he claimed, "compared in the slightest with the remarkable scene which can be viewed from the pylon.

"We in Australia have plenty to be proud of. You have to travel overseas to realise fully how bountiful are our gifts from Mother Nature. But there is one thing to be stressed and that is the appalling lack of publicity disseminated abroad regarding Australia. I was astounded at the poor knowledge

of our country among people of other lands. This needs immediate remedying.

"It may be a suggestion that we, too, should take a part in the move to dispense world propaganda via the medium of a radio station broadcasting to a world audience. England, America, Germany, Russia are all planning to capitalise on this medium. It is necessary Australia do something in this direction. The more extensive use of the screen, particularly via the newsreel, should also be aimed for."

BILLIARDS and SNOOKER

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believe he actually made the acquaintance of the game when he bumped his head against a table at the age of two and a half, or something like that.

"Funnily enough he tells me he likes billiards much better than snooker, but that does not alter the fact that it is the latter game at which he is the better artist, and at which we shall see most of him in this country.

"Very definitely, big billiards is a family affair in Australia. Just Lindrum, Lindrum and Lindrum.

"Anyway, the arrival of Horace ought to add a lot of interest to the season here. He badly wants to meet Joe Davis in a snooker battle, and if that comes about it will be worth going a long way to see."

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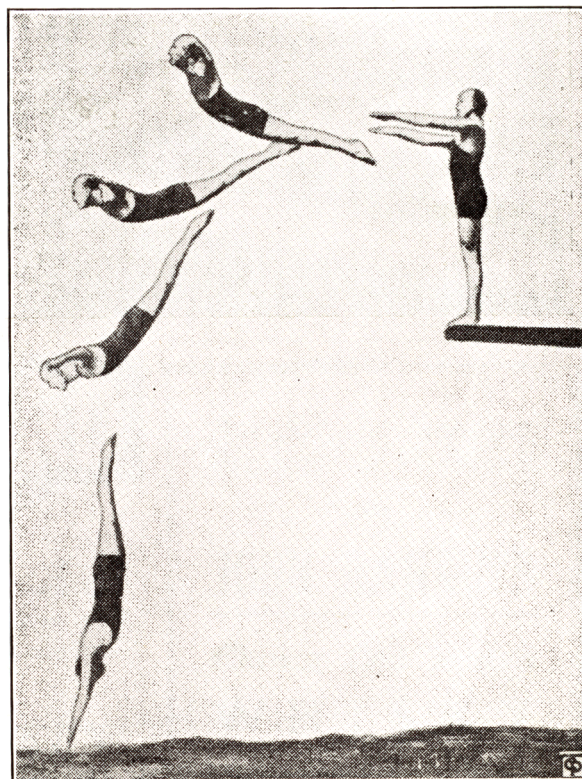
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That Reminds Me

With the last issue of our magazine for 1935, let us ponder for a few moments and recapitulate knowledge gained during the past year. As members, we meet daily, and besides engaging in ordinary conversation, oftentimes discuss at length the happenings of the day, and were it possible to recall everything we have heard since Christmas, 1934, what a fund of information we could provide. The following notes are quotations from various newspapers printed this year.

In the opening remarks, reference was made to daily conversations, but, few of us are aware, probably, of our own volubility. In June last, a body of scientists in England decided to tackle the subject and here is the published result of their labours:—

"Taking 70 years as being the allotted span, a man spends 23 years in bed, 13 in talking, six in eating, three in study, one and a half in washing and 20 years in leisure. The total number of words spoken by each person per day is approximately 20,000, which means 500,000 million in a lifetime. Incidentally, 20,000 words represents about a quarter of a fair sized novel." Some of the figures look high, but on reflection and by the aid of a

pencil and paper, they will prove mostly to one's way of thinking.

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Coming a bit nearer home, we have been informed that "there are circulating in Australia 83,184,000 pennies and 64,540,000 halfpennies. In sterling £346,600 and £126,125 respectively." We also read a few months back that "investigation of the wear and tear of silver coins show that a 2/- piece lasts about 45 years, a shilling 41 years, a sixpence 28 years, and a threepenny piece 32 years." We learned that "sixty-six shillings are coined from one pound troy of standard silver. With an average value of 1/6 per oz. coins to the value of £3/6/- actually cost 18/-."

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We have seen tremendous advancement in the film industry during the past year, and, with N.S.W. now being placed on a quota for productions, it is interesting to recall that "two hundred million people pay admission money to film plays throughout the world, each week, and that the sum invested represents £500,000,000. The pay roll at Hollywood reaches fifteen million pounds per annum."

Something in the nature of a record of the unusual variety was made by a New York wife who "in April entered a suit for divorce on seventy-one different grounds." And although this did not occur in 1935, we learned per medium of an historical essay published during recent months that "in 1874 Hugh Mullins bet two men five shillings that one day there would be a town on the site of his claim. He was right, for in time Broken Hill was so erected, but, was first known as Mullinsville."

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The wireless census of 1935 gave us much food for thought. We learned that "there are 1,633,313 houses in the Commonwealth, and that radio licenses are round the 800,000 mark"—nearly one in two.

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We have all heard at different times of the fabulous sums supposed to be paid to film stars; however, the following quotation was printed as being absolutely authentic:—"Jiggs, a chimpanzee, has become one of Hollywood's highly paid film stars. Under his contract he earns £130—£70 for his upkeep and £60 for his two trainers—for every week's film work."

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JANUARY

Tattersall's Club	Wednesday, 1st
Moorefield	Saturday, 4th
Ascot	Wednesday, 8th
Canterbury	Saturday, 11th
Rosebery	Wednesday, 15th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Saturday, 18th
Victoria Park	Wednesday, 22nd
A.J.C.	Saturday, 25th
A.J.C.	Monday, 27th
Kensington	Wednesday, 29th

FEBRUARY

Rosehill	Saturday, 1st
Ascot	Wednesday, 5th
Canterbury	Saturday, 8th
Rosebery	Wednesday, 12th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Saturday, 15th
Victoria Park	Wednesday, 19th
Victoria Park	Saturday, 22nd
Kensington	Wednesday, 26th
Moorefield	Saturday, 29th

MARCH

Ascot	Wednesday, 4th
Canterbury	Saturday, 7th
Rosebery	Wednesday, 11th
City Tattersall's	Saturday, 14th
Victoria Park	Wednesday, 18th
Rosehill	Saturday, 21st
Hawkesbury	Wednesday, 25th
Rosehill	Saturday, 28th

APRIL

Kensington	Wednesday, 1st
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Saturday, 4th
Ascot	Wednesday, 8th
A.J.C.	Saturday, 11th
A.J.C.	Monday, 13th
A.J.C.	Wednesday, 15th
A.J.C.	Saturday, 18th
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Monday, 20th
Rosebery	Wednesday, 22nd
Anzac Day	Saturday, 25th
Victoria Park	Wednesday, 29th

MAY

Moorefield	Saturday, 2nd
Kensington	Wednesday, 6th
Tattersall's	Saturday, 9th
Ascot	Wednesday, 13th
Rosehill	Saturday, 16th
Rosebery	Wednesday, 20th
Moorefield	Saturday, 23rd
Victoria Park	Wednesday, 27th
Rosehill	Saturday, 30th

JUNE

Kensington	Wednesday, 3rd
Ascot	Saturday, 6th
A.J.C. (King's Birthday)	Monday, 8th
Ascot	Wednesday, 10th
A.J.C.	Saturday, 13th
Rosebery	Wednesday, 17th
Canterbury Park	Saturday, 20th
Victoria Park	Wednesday, 24th
Rosehill	Saturday, 27th

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Much of our national wealth comes from the man on the soil. How many of us can give even an approximate idea of our cattle population? Here are the figures released a short time back: "Of a total of 12,387,000 Queensland accounts for 5,545,065; N.S.W., 3,141,174; Victoria, 2,000,000; W.A., 857,473; South Australia, 312,932; Tas., 250,000; N.T., 780,121; and the Federal Capital 4,643."

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At this next one we can throw out our respective chests: "The Kings rifle competition in N.S.W. carries the richest shooting prize on earth, £2,110. English Bisley is next with £1,270." Last local "King's" was shot at Anzac Range, Liverpool, in October.

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If any members are interested in radium shares, the following pro-

bably made unpleasant reading:—"Valued at £200,000 per ounce, the world's rarest metal, named actinium, is twenty times more powerful than radium and lasts twenty times as long."

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During the year, architecture has bounded ahead and new ideas abound. Latest advice is that "the newest addition to the sky-scrapers of New York has a waterfall eight feet high as a feature of the roof garden."

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Of course, one could go on indefinitely, but the foregoing will serve to bring back to the memory things we have read during the past twelve months. There is just one item more which cannot be left out. It deals with motoring, and this is the way automobiles have moved, in figures: "With 615,551

motor vehicles, Australia is fifth on earth. U.S.A. has 23,771,854, and, as her population is 125,000,000, roughly, there are five pedestrians dodging each driver. France, 1,881,995, is next, followed by Great Britain with 1,170,676. Canada also exceeds a million, and Germany is ahead of Australia by about 1,000 vehicles."

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That about brings us to the end of our tether. No effort has been made to select any particular items, excepting that the more rare have been given preference. But, every member who reads his papers carefully has probably seen all that has been written here in print during the year. The quotations are wholly from Sydney papers. Maybe most of us have read and promptly forgotten the contents.

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The onward march of motor car improvement shows no signs of abating. Each year finds the new models possessed of some great added advantage over previous efforts, and, the same may be truly said of 1936 models.

Manufacturers have studied every angle and need, and there is a car procurable to-day to suit every purse and requirement. The light car field has a wide range, whilst in the more expensive and heavier chassis, speed, comfort, safety and smooth running have reached a point not previously attained. The general architecture of modern cars is much advanced on older models, and luxury and refinement go hand in hand.

When streamline cars came into being, there was a danger that body builders would forget the comfort of back-seat passengers when forming the downward sweep of the backs of cars. But, the coachbuilder has been assisted out of his difficulty by the moving forward of the chassis on the wheelbase. To the casual eye, this may not be perceptible, but closer inspection finds most radiators now placed well in advance of the front axle, and thus the back seating has been brought forward of the back axle. In this way greater width has become possible and more roominess generally, because the seats are in front of the wheel arches. This has had an added advantage in that accommodation has been found for a built-in luggage carrier, which has taken the strain off the chassis which was caused by the old system of weighing down the rear with lumber strapped or tied on anyhow and with total disregard to stress injury.

The enclosed cars, which are in the great majority to-day, have been given extra study in obliterating draughts which, at times, have a habit of becoming a nuisance, besides being unhealthy. This is a trouble which has now been almost entirely eliminated.

The principle for independent springing has gained favour, and especially so with regard to front wheels. This will be found on numerous brands of latest models.

A big advance has been made with the engine, and the equipoise floating rubber mountings isolate the rest of the chassis from engine vibrations, and at the same time, the driver is relieved from road shocks by rubber insulated steering wheel.

Taken all in all, the improvements have been vast, but we might well prepare for more as the years roll on. Just what will the next move be?

Already, there are many cars on the roads with wireless attached, and one can "tune-in" whilst touring, but there is a big chance that, in the near future, wireless telephony will also become possible, and owners will be able to contact with home or office en route. As a matter of fact, Henry Ford has already demonstrated that he could talk to and receive messages from persons 6,000 miles away whilst travelling at a high rate of speed.

Another alteration in present day car building will come with the introduction of rear engines. Those who are best versed with what is going on, maintain that the rear-engined vehicles will be almost universal in the next five years. Already, trials have been made and said to be successful, which will bring about a general rush by all manufacturers to be in the swim at the appointed time.

Before ending these notes the writer would like to refer to a conversation which took place in the club during the month relative to radiator heating.

With the hottest months of the year about to descend upon us, this phase of motoring is of common occurrence. Owners should realise that heating is certain to take place if air cannot freely pass through, and, to help the air stream along, it is necessary to have the fan belt just right. It would also be well to remember that the fan blades are not always composed of the very strongest metal, and have been known to lose their shape. When the blades are bent, or turned, they cannot force the air into the proper channels, and many a boiling has resulted. It would be well to attend to the fan belt at this time of the year, for much of the comfort of driving depends thereon.

There will be two Motor Rallies in 1936, one at Monte Carlo and one in Berlin. The Germans have timed their Rally to synchronise with the Olympic Games, and the Government is behind the scheme with a more or less open purse in the hope that all nations will be represented. We should learn much in the matter of construction and forward design.

Finally, latest idea overseas is to provide every car purchaser with a tin of lacquer of the same colour as the car. This enables scratches to be eradicated in a few minutes, and seems about the most useful thought for years.



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Christmas Scramble this Month's Big Fixture Vic. Richards Wins First Point Score of Season

By the way, the date of the Christmas Scramble has not yet been decided upon, but it will either be on the Thursday preceding Christmas or on Christmas Eve, according to whether the majority of the members are in the happy position of leaving on holidays during the week-end before the festive day.

All the old members know all about it, but for the benefit of the new members let us tell that on that day there'll be much merriment and jollity as the trophies are all Christmas cheer and plenty of it.

Another item of the month will be the preliminary heats of the A.S.A.'s big handicap, similar to that held last season, when the Duke of Gloucester was here.

Entry fees, only a shilling a man, will go towards sending the N.S.W. team to the Australian championships, and the first three in our race will be entitled to start in the swim off at the State championship carnivals in January for a very valuable trophy.

So here's a chance for Tattersall's swimmers who would like to show their prowess to the general public.

The final contests for the John Samuel Cup are being held over until after the New Year, but competitors would be well advised to get a move on with breast stroke and back stroke and diving form, to say nothing of their furlong flutters.

First of the season's point scores went to Vic Richards, but he only just got there, for the day after the final race he left for his holidays.

Carl Bastian was only a point astern, and it shouldn't be long before he lands a trophy, for he's most enthusiastic and in rare form.

Following a couple of third placings, Colonel Playfair won a race over 40 yards in great style, knocking a second off his handicap time.

Several times Hans Robertson has been heard to state his retirement

from racing, but you can't keep a good man down, so Hans has been well in the limelight in the club races.

First start returned a win in 19 3/5 seconds for 40 yards, and later he swam a tie for second over the same distance. We also note that he has been cracking the clocks in open company at Manly.

The Tarrant stable has been getting its members into the finals, but so far has not been rewarded with a win, though Tarrant recorded a second over 60 yards.

Lyndon Johnston, A.S.A. Coach, made his reappearance over 60 yards, but found his handicap of one second from Vic Richards not enough.

Two new members raced for the first time in the last 60 yards race held, Theo Tartakover and L. T. Hermann.

Theo was a great performer in Australia and England, and his fame having preceded him he was awarded the mark of honour in one of the heats, but he was not in form and another few seconds handicap will be needed for him to strike a final.

We remember L. T. Hermann as a great youngster not so long ago, out Coogee way, and he showed that he hasn't forgotten how to

streak over a short course when he easily won a 60 yards heat in 37 1/5 secs.

Best news of the month past was the announcement that the British Empire Games will be held in Sydney in 1938.

Results of races for the season are:—

40 yards, October 17.—Final: A. S. Block 1, C. Godhard 2, T. A. J. Playfair 3. Time, 25 sec.

40 yards, October 24.—Final: H. Robertson 1, V. Richards 2, T. A. J. Playfair 3. Time, 19 3/5 sec.

80 yards Brace Relay, October 31.—G. Goldie and V. Richards (55) 1, A. Richards and C. Bastian (46) 2, A. S. Block and C. Godhard (48) 3. Time, 54 1/5 sec.

60 yards, November 7.—Final: C. Bastian 1, C. Tarrant 2, V. Richards 3. Time, 38 4/5 sec.

40 yards, November 14.—Final: T. A. J. Playfair 1, C. Bastian and H. Robertson 2. Time, 26 4/5 sec.

October-November Points Score.

Points gained in this series were: V. Richards 10, C. Bastian 9, A. S. Block 8, G. Goldie and C. Godhard 7, C. Tarrant 6, K. Hunter, M. Murphy, T. A. J. Playfair, J. Dexter, H. Robertson and A. Richards 4, E. Dermody 2, V. Meek, L. Johnston and P. Hernon 1.

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By Alex. J. Morrison



Alex Morrison says:—

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How many times have you seen a golfer make a bad shot, reach for another ball with a "let me try another" grin, and produce exactly the same kind of shot as the first?

It is natural, under the conditions, for him to make the same mistake. Tension, anger and frustration prompt the second attempt and spoil any chance of success.

If you must "try another," relax, correct the fault in the first swing. Better still, after a poor shot, don't "try another." Analyse that first faulty stroke, find the trouble and avoid it thereafter.

Tattersall's Club Golf Club

The last outing of the Golf Club took place at Manly Golf Club on 21st November, when the A. C. Ingham Cup was won by the Manly Club Secretary, J. B. Ferrier, with a net 64.

A Grade Trophy presented by Mr. A. J. Chown was won by Mr. A. H. Watson, after tying with Mr. S. E. Chatterton, and B Grade Trophy, presented by Mr. C. W. McLeod, went to Mr. F. White, after tying with Mr. C. E. Brown.

The outstanding feature of the outing was the low scores registered. The following are the best cards:—

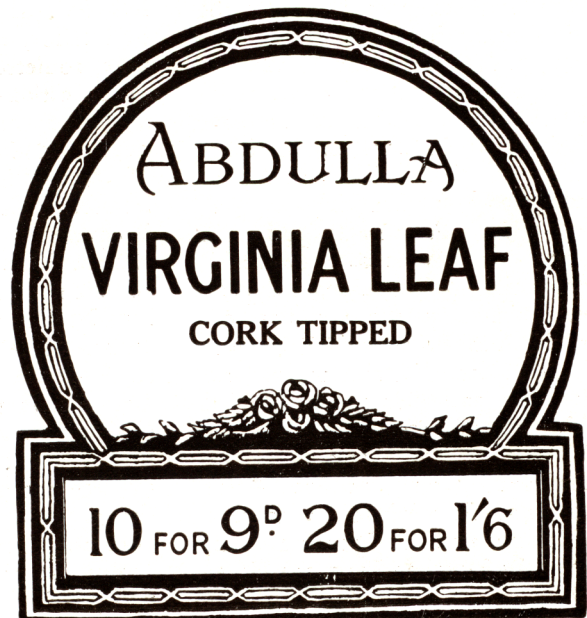
J. B. Ferrier	71	(7)—64
A. H. Watson	73	(7)—66
F. White	86	(20)—66
S. E. Chatterton	81	(15)—66
C. E. Brown	90	(24)—66
F. Shepherd	91	(24)—67
G. J. Watson	84	(16)—68
E. S. Pratt	78	(10)—68
H. J. Robertson	82	(14)—68
C. M. Rose	75	(7)—68
R. Cumming	77	(9)—68
A. V. Miller	75	(7)—68



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High Cost of Gambling

By E. J. Gravestock

In this series of articles I do not propose to deal with gambling in any form in Australia, as I think I can safely take it for granted that all my readers are acquainted with the various forms of speculative investment in this country, but when we wander abroad we are in fresh fields and pastures new. Different countries have different customs, and it is interesting to look behind the scenes, and investigate the various mediums which are adopted to separate the pleasure seeker from his money.

Supposing on our journey to Europe we decide to call in at Monte Carlo. No doubt most of us would rush the opportunity of investing money in a Casino, but, like book-making, the business does not finish with the exchange of money between the player and the Casino. Despite the fact that we pay 2/6 for a glass of beer or a cocktail, or even as high as 8/- at Biarritz, and the major portion of £200,000 given in tips to Croupiers at one Casino in one year went to the Casino authorities, and huge fortunes are lost each year by visitors, the proportion of the gross turnover for the shareholders is comparatively small. Most of the shareholders of the 104,000 shares at Monte Carlo are French or American. It is a little municipality on its own. It has its own gasworks, waterworks, road-making department, tobacco sellers, and post office, and employs over 4,000 people. The 2,200 local inhabitants pay no taxes, and get their gas at a third of the cost of production. The official title of the Company is the Anonymous Society of Sea Water Baths, and in addition to owning the Casino, and the Sporting Club, it owns the Hotel de Paris, the Hotel Hermitage, the Cafe de Paris, the Country Club, the Mont Agel Golf, which cost £60,000, and many other properties. It employs over 400 croupiers in the summer, this number being increased to over 600 in the winter. Their salaries range

from £350 a year up to £600, whilst the head men receive £1,200. In addition there is a body of nearly fifty secret service men, dressed like the visitors, who watch the play, where the game is high, and especially if a system is working successfully. Included in the indoor staff of 1,000, there are 300 domestic servants, barmen, cloakroom attendants, footmen, and 10 uniformed guards. Risk of fire is great, therefore 113 firemen have to be employed, and the beautiful gardens require 86 gardeners, who receive £3 a week. To mention others we must include 50 electricians, an orchestra of a hundred, cashiers and accountants, and a staff of 200 workmen, who are constantly employed in renovations and decorations; an army of cleaners who eat up £40,000 a year in wages. The Opera costs £45,000 a year, against which must be set the comparatively small sum of £5,000 being receipts. A few other interesting items are 635 suits at £4 for the croupiers, bought each year from a London tailor, electricity at £20,000 a year, roulette wheels at £125 each. It is estimated that each of the sixty-five roulette tables has a turnover of £360,000 a year, although, of course, they are not continually in use. This amount added to the investments on trente-et-quarante, chemin-de-fer, and baccarat tables represents a colossal fortune. Despite the fact that each table is tested three times a day with a spirit level, some of the roulette tables consistently show a loss to the Casino year after year, estimated at £7,500 a year each, as against an average profit of £12,500 made on the other tables. The authorities keep the unprofitable tables in the Casino, as they regard it as good policy. We have all heard about the man who broke the Bank at Monte Carlo, but it would be a difficult matter to-day. The Casino has a cash reserve of £75,000, whilst in the Bank there is another £300,000 in cash always on hand. Each

table starts off with a float of £2,500, which is replenished as required. The worst period the Casino ever had was about ten years ago, when in one week it lost £85,000.

Monte Carlo, like other Casinos, has its regular visitors, who come daily and are content to win a few francs a day all the year round. Musicians are keen gamblers, and Ambrose, the orchestra leader of gramophone fame, is considered to be one of the biggest English gamblers. He was £3,000 ahead on a fortnight's play, but he dropped this and £9,000 in addition. Then his luck turned and he won £4,000 back in an hour and a half. The biggest win against the Greek Syndicate which runs the Casinos on the Northern side of France was that by Sydney Beer, another jazz band conductor. He won £85,000 in two evenings at Biarritz, but he was not content and lost £50,000 of it. Sir Alfred Butt, the famous theatrical manager, is credited with having lost £5,000 in two or three days, whilst at Deauville, the Aga Khan has been seen losing a hundred pounds every few minutes. Taking into consideration the large number of cheques that are cashed, very few "dud" ones are negotiated, because the authorities rarely cash a cheque for anyone they do not know without putting a trunk call through to the bank the cheque is drawn on, to ascertain if drawer's credit is good.

Getting back to the running costs of a Casino, the French Government takes sixty per cent. of the gross profits, the local municipality takes another 18 or 20 per cent.; this leaves 18 or 20 to pay for everything, including income tax. Until recently roulette was not permitted in France, but before the Government gives its concession, the Casino must have a "float" of £12,500 to pay any losses. Most Casinos fix the maximum stake at roulette at £20. The disadvantage for the Casino at roulette is that if

the gambler wins, he is winning the Casino's money, whereas at other games he is mostly winning that of other gamblers at the table. It is a popular belief that suicides are plentiful at Monte Carlo, but it is a rare event for more than four or five cases to happen in one year, and they usually have money about their person. The authorities deny that it is a fact that they plant money on the corpse, to put off people from saying that the loss of money caused the suicide. There is a fund at Monte Carlo which provides train fare for gamblers who have lost everything and cannot go home, but the English Consul usually takes care of the unlucky Britisher.

The Englishman loves to dash across the Channel for a week-end to have a flutter at the tables, mingled with golf, tennis, riding and the general gaiety of the French seaside resort, and Le Touquet at Easter has to cope with a rush which taxes its resources. It is one wild rush from Good Friday to Easter Monday night. The season proper does not start until Whitsuntide, which means that the whole place comes to life for a week, and sinks back to an apparently moribund state until summer time. The hotels have only a skeleton staff in the winter time, and this means the importation of hundreds of skilled hotel workers from Paris, and other centres. At the Casino a staff of 400 is required. These are usually members of the regular summer staff who have taken up other trades during the out-of-season period. The croupiers get about £2 a day, or rather night, at Easter. They go on in the afternoon, and work through until 7 or 8 in the morning, when the curtains are drawn back to let the sunshine in. The big bar at the Casino during the week-end is taxed to utmost, but a cash result of nearly £800 for the week-end is nice compensation for the labour involved. Light-hearted visitors quickly run out of cash, and cheques pour into the office, and a special staff is kept busy O-kaying them.

The average Britisher dining on the Continent, or in high-class res-

taurants the world over, generally orders his meals on trust, his dislike for displaying his ignorance preventing him from consulting the waiter as to the exact ingredients of a dish which appears in French on the menu, and it is helpful if we can remember that *Portugaise* means that it is done with tomatoes. *Bonne femme* indicates mushrooms. *Veronique* involves grapes. *Sauce riche* means lobster. *Princesse* denotes asparagus. *Perigourdine* stands for truffles. Lovers of rice should go for anything *Piedmontaise* and those who have a weakness for spaghetti are safe in ordering anything *Milanaise*; potatoes are indicated by *Parmentier*, and sweet corn by *Washington*. Writing of food automatically brings us to wines, which play so important a part at meals on the Continent. Certain authorities state that whisky consumption in England has dropped by nearly a third, and that there is an increased demand for German wines. It is generally admitted that the Germans make the finest still white wines in the world. 1921 was the great vintage year for German wines, and practically saved the industry in that country, as it was so good that it overcame all prejudice against buying anything German. The last real Hock vintage was 1929, although 1925 and 1927 were good years. During the slump, wine merchants refrained from designating certain years, even when they were up to vintage standard. A London wine merchant states that the last vintage year for Port was 1927, although 1931 was really up to vintage standard. The last vintage years for Burgundy were 1923, 1928, and 1929. For Claret, 1924, 1928, and 1929. Hocks and Moselles, 1921 and 1929. Champagne, 1923 and 1926.

It is claimed by London wine merchants that Australia has not attempted to cater for the high-class trade, realising that it cannot produce a wine up to the standard of Chateau Yquem, and it is the practice in England to describe Australian wines as Empire sweet wines, or Empire dessert wines, an enormous quantity of which is sold in public houses and grocery stores.

However, to return to our Casinos. "Things ain't what they used to be." The rate of exchange has set up an impassable barrier for two-thirds of the number of people who used to troop regularly across to France from England and America, and also a strong counter attraction is the pleasure cruises, which take thousands of them throughout the Summer to the seaways of Europe. Mr. Archer Whitford, who recently returned from a world tour, told me that Luna Park in Paris, the big outdoor entertainment place of that city, looked like a bankrupt concern, very few patrons, and side-showmen willing to do business at any price offered. The same air of desolation existed at the large hotels and restaurants in Paris. Places which were a few years ago thronged with pleasure seekers were existing on the patronage of a few "die-hards" and business people who were forced to go there. As a contrast, Berlin was a hive of activity, both in commerce and pleasure.

It is little wonder that even at the Casino in Monte Carlo they have had to install the much despised fruit machine.



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Playing 4-card suits often requires great care, particularly when honours are missing from the hands of both declarer and dummy, as illustrated in the play of the following hand, which I recently held.

♠ 8 7 3			
♥ A 9 7 3			
♦ Q J 8			
♣ A 5 4			
♠ J 5			♠ Q 6 4 2
♥ Q 8			♥ 6 5 4
♦ A K 7 2			♦ 9 5 3
♣ Q 9 8 3			♣ J 10 6
2			
	♠ A K 10 9		
	♥ K J 10 2		
	♦ 10 6 4		
	♣ K 7		

I sat South, dealt and made an opening bid of 1-Spade, bidding continued: West, 2-Clubs; North, 2-No Trumps, to show a club stop and short spades; South, 3-Hearts, although no trumps would have gone equally well, as it happened; North, 4-Hearts.

West took 2 diamond tricks. The missing Q-J of spades and the Q of hearts made game questionable. The 7 of diamonds was captured by dummy's Q. East had played diamonds straight up, showing West held the missing 2 and at least 5 clubs, leaving him with not more than 4 major suit cards, if that.

When West led a losing round of diamonds it plainly showed that he did not hold the Q-J-10 of clubs, or he would have started to clear that suit. He might have 5 to the Q or J-10, or possibly 6 topless clubs. What a player does plainly shows something about his holdings.

There were 5 trumps missing, with odds of 68 to 32 that these were divided 3-2 between opponents. One had to keep in mind such important facts. Dummy's Ace of hearts was led. West's 8 fell, showing that player held the missing Q or no more. He had no reason to false card. South played the pro-

babilities, leading low from dummy and playing the K. This dropped the Q. The 10 picked up East's last trump. Things were going well for us.

Probably the 6 missing spades were divided 4-2. There was 1 chance in 15 that if West held 2 spades they would be the Q-J, which would be fine, giving up 5-odd. We were certain of 4-odd anyway. The Ace and Q of spades were led on the long chance of dropping both missing honours. Only one of them fell. The Q had to win a trick. A third lead of spades was made, removing the last card of that suit from dummy. East won the third and last trick for his side, giving us 4-odd, as bid.

Dummy held only the 9 of trumps and the A-5-4 of clubs. I held only the 9 of spades, the K-7 of clubs and the J of trumps, whatever East led back must result in giving us the remaining 4 tricks. Of course East led back his J of clubs, which my K won. South's hand was spread for the balance of tricks.

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